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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS ON VIENNA AND MAPUTO MEETINGS AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN - MAY 20

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1. ZAMBIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE TWO MEETINGS BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PM VORSTER MAY 19 WAS LIMITED TO DESCRIBING
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THE TALKS AS CRUCIAL AND TO GIVING DETAILS ON THE LOCALE AND TIMING OF THE TALKS.

2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ADDRESS BEFORE THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE WAS HEADLINED "YOUNG APPEALS FOR PEACE DEAL" (DAILY MAIL) AND "LET'S HASTEN THE DAY OF FREEDOM" (TIMES OF ZAMBIA).
ACCOUNTS IN BOTH PAPERS CARRIED PLEDGE OF U.S. SUPPORT AND BEST

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EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT LEADING TO AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE IN 1978 AND THE U.S.'S CONDEMNATION OF RHODESIAN MILITARY INCURSIONS INTO MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA AND THE THREAT AGAINST ZAMBIA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE WAS PRESENT IN MAPUTO BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S EARLY DEMAND FOR A NEW AND PROGRESSIVE APPROACH TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS. YOUNG'S OBSERVATIONTHAT THE HEART OF THE TENSIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA LIES IN THE SMOLDERING RACIAL CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS FOLLOWED BY STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. WILL UNDERTAKE TO LET SOUTH AFRICA KNOW THAT IT BELIEVES STRONGLY CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA MUST COME NOW. THE DAILY MAIL ACCOUNT APPENDED ROBERT MUGABE'S COMMENTS ON YOUNG SPEECH, I.E. MUGABE THOUGHT SPEECH INAPPLICABLE BECAUSE IT DEALT WITH U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS, NOT A COLONIAL SITUATION AND MUGABE HIMSELF SEES NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY.

3. IN A MAY 20 EDITORIAL OF UNPRECEDENTED HARSHNESS, STYLE AND BREVITY DAILY MAIL PORTRAYED DAVID OWEN AS MESSENGER OF REBEL RACIST LEADER SMITH, SPOKESMAN OF SOUTH AFRICA, A PERPETRATOR OF BLUNDERS LOSING HIM THE CONFIDENCE OF ALL PROGRESSIVE STATES, A CO-PARTNER WITH VORSTER WHO WANT OPPRESSED BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO "KNEEL CAP IN HAND NOT FOR MONTHS OR YEARS BUT FOR CENTURIES" BEFORE THEY DELIVER FREEDOM AND EQUALITY. EDITORIAL ENDS "OH LORD, DELIVER US FROM DR. DAVID OWEN".
FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL AND SYNOPSIS OF ACCOMPANYING NEWS ANALYSIS PIECE REINFORCING EDITORIAL'S PORTRAYAL OF OWEN BEING SENT ADDRESSEE POSTS AS INFOTEL.
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